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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the following amendment and comments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Insert on the first line of page one before TECHNICAL FIELD the sentence: "This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/GB99/02685, filed on August 13, 1999, pending, which claims the benefit of British Patent Application No. 9817795.9 filed on August 14, 1998."

On Page 3, line 16, page 3, line 19, page 4, line 20, and page 7, line 26, delete "PCT/GB99/01929" and insert therefor --WO99/66331--.

On page 3, line 30, insert -- the same or -- after "recognise".